

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-30. (Canceled)

31. (New) A method for billing for a purchase transaction over the Internet between a purchasing customer and a selling vendor by an on-line services provider which is not the selling vendor, the method comprising the on-line services provider: providing access to the Internet for the purchasing customer and charging the purchasing customer a transaction amount for the purchase transaction by charging the transaction amount to an account of the purchasing customer.

32. (New) The method according to claim 31, wherein the account of the purchasing customer is an account with the on-line services provider.

33. (New) The method according to claim 31, wherein the account of the purchasing customer is a credit card account or a bank account.

34. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-33, wherein the selling vendor does not receive the account number to which the transaction amount is charged before the transaction amount is charged to the account.

35. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-33, wherein delivery of the product or service purchased in the purchase transaction is by electronic transmission.

36. (New) The method according to claim 34, wherein delivery of the product or service purchased in the purchase transaction is by electronic transmission.

37. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-33, wherein delivery of the product or service purchased in the purchase transaction is by mail or courier.

38. (New) The method according to claim 34, wherein delivery of the product or service purchased in the purchase transaction is by mail or courier.

39. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-33, wherein the on-line services provider is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

40. (New) The method according to claim 34, wherein the on-line services provider is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

41. (New) The method according to claim 35, wherein the on-line services provider is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

42. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein the on-line services provider is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

43. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein the on-line services provider is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

44. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein the on-line services provider is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

45. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-33, wherein the on-line services provider is not advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

46. (New) The method according to claim 34, wherein the on-line services provider is not advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

47. (New) The method according to claim 35, wherein the on-line services provider is not advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

48. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein the on-line services provider is not advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

49. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein the on-line services provider is not advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

50. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein the on-line services provider is not advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction before the vendor is advised that the customer desires to enter into the purchase transaction.

51. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-33, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge

the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

52. (New) The method according to claim 34, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

53. (New) The method according to claim 35, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

54. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

55. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

56. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

57. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

58. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received

authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

59. (New) The method according to claim 41, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

60. (New) The method according to claim 42, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

61. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

62. (New) The method according to claim 44, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

63. (New) The method according to claim 45, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

64. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

65. (New) The method according to claim 47, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received

authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

66. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

67. (New) The method according to claim 49, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

68. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

69. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-33, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

70. (New) The method according to claim 34, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

71. (New) The method according to claim 35, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

72. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over

the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

73. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

74. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

75. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

76. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

77. (New) The method according to claim 41, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

78. (New) The method according to claim 42, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

79. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over

the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

80. (New) The method according to claim 44, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

81. (New) The method according to claim 45, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

82. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

83. (New) The method according to claim 47, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

84. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

85. (New) The method according to claim 49, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over the Internet from the purchasing customer to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer.

86. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein the on-line services provider receives authorization over the Internet from the selling vendor to charge the transaction amount to the account of the purchasing customer without previously having received authorization over

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